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SUBJECT: VESCO LAWYER CITES LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO IMMINENT VESCO
DEPARTURE

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SUMMARY: VESCO LAWYER INDICATES IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE

VESCO'S LEGAL PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED AND HE IS FREE TO GO.
ACTING PRESIDENT REITERATES VESCO WILL NOT LEAVE UNTIL THE COURTS
GIVE THEIR OK. END SUMMARY.

1. VESCO LAWYER JOSE MARIA PLA IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN
"EXCELSIOR" JUNE 16 INDICATED IT WOULD BE SOME TIME BEFORE
VESCO WOULD BE FREE TO DEPART COSTA RICA, AS HE HAD A NUMBER
OF LEGAL MATTERS PENDING BEFORE THE COURTS. PLA IDENTIFIED:
--THE LOCAL SECURITIES FRAUD (RECHNITZER) CASE
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--A CHARGE THAT VESCO DID NOT PAY TAXES ON POWERY PITS; AND
--A THIRD CASE WHERE VESCO APPEARS AS CREDITOR IN AN
EXEQUATUR CLAIM OF 23 MILLION COLONES.

2. PLA WOULD NOT SPECULATE AS TO HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE
TO CLEAR UP THESE MATTERS OR WHAT ARE VESCO'S PLANS.
HE INDICATED THAT WERE VESCO TO DEPART COSTA RICA,

VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARILY, BEFORE ALL THESE MATTERS WERE RESOLVED, IT WOULD SIGNIFY AN EVASION OF RESPONSIBILITY, SOMETHING NEITHER VESCO NOR THE GOCR WOULD DO.

3. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, ACTING PRESIDENT FERNANDO GUZMAN MATA IN A T.V. INTERVIEW JUNE 15 REITERATED THE ODUBER ADMINISTRATION POSITION THAT ROBERT VESCO WILL

LEAVE COSTA RICA WHEN THE COURTS SAY HE IS FREE TO GO. HE CATEGORICALLY RULED OUT--OPPOSITION UNITY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RODRIGO CARAZO'S SUGGESTION LAST MONTH THAT GUZMAN, A LONG-TIME CRITIC OF VESCO'S REMAINING IN COSTA RICA, EXPEL THE FINANCIER WHILE ACTING PRESIDENT DURING PRESIDENT ODUBER'S ABSENCE FROM THE COUNTRY. GUZMAN DECLARED "IF SOME GROUP WOULD ASK ME IN THESE DAYS TO EXPEL HIM FROM THE COUNTRY, I COULD NOT DO SO, SINCE THE EXECUTIVE DOESN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY NOW THAT THE COURTS ARE THE ONES RESOLVING THIS CASE."
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4. COMMENT: VESCO'S LAWYER HAS NOW STATED PUBLICLY WHAT VESCO HIMSELF HINTED IN DECLARATIONS LAST WEEK TO THE "NEW YORK POST" -- THAT DUE TO THE PONDEROUS WORKINGS OF COSTA RICA'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM, VESCO COULD BE IN COSTA RICA FOR A GOOD WHILE LONGER. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT AN EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL WILL AT THE
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HIGHEST LEVEL COULD CUT THROUGH THE LEGAL RED TAPE TO REMOVE THE JUDICIAL IMPEDIMENTS TO HIS DEPARTURE.
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